heavy water during 1991-92, 1992-93 and 1993-94;

(d) if so, the quantum of supply made *io* each State and Union Territory during each year;

mmm)whether any assessment of requirement of heavy water for each State and Union Territory has been made during: 1994-95;

nnn)whether ^Government have their resources to meet the requirement of heavy water of the country during 1994-95:

(g) if so, the details thereof; and

(h) if not, the steps propose.] to tw taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER. OF STATE iN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE 'SHRI BHUVNESH CHATURVEDI): (a) and (b) An agreement has been signed with Republic of Korea in April 1991 for supply of 100 MT "of "Heavy Water to them, to be shipped from 1998.

(c) to (e) Heavy Water, being a material used as moderator and coolant in Nuclear Power Reactors, is supplied to the Atomic Power Stations in the Country and therefore its supply to the State/ Union Territories does not arise

(f) and (g) The indigenous production of Heavy Water at current level is no only adequate to meet the Country's requirements, but some surpluses would also accrue which can be exported.

(h) Does not arise.

Setting up of Ammonia Urea Plant in the Middle-East countries

2274. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to :,tat,,:

(a) whether it is a fact that the fe it i1 -zer industry of the country has .drown •' plan to set up ammonia urea plants in the Middle-East countries-

(b) if so, the reasons for setting up these plants in those countries;

(e) what are the handicaps in setting up these plants nT the country itself; and

(d) whether the Ministry propose io review this decision and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FAL-EIRO): (a) to (d) Natural gas io the most preferred and economically efficient feedstock for ammonia/urea production. Due to constraints in the availability cf natural gas in the country, fertilizer companies are exploring the possibilities of setting up ammonia/urea plants i;i ;;-,;■ countries where cheap gas is avuilable in abundance. This will ensure committal supplies of urea to India and would help in reducing the gap between dem;.i"J mj supply.

Fund provided to fP&AKO

227.V SHRIMATI CHANDRA KAR A PANDEY; Will the Miniver of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS he pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that an amouut of around Rs. 55 crores i_s still available out ot the aided fund provided for the Fertilizer Promotional Project under Ff-&ARD of HFC:

(b) whether'-.eminent are of the view that tl;; . esaid money should go to FPRARD .-: implementing agency; and

(c) if so, the steps being considered to make the, aforesaid money available to FP&ARD which is undergoing a threat ened existence for sustenance of its useful aclhitieS; and infrastructure for another five years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THF. MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FAT EIRO): (a) to (c) The entire rupee, allocation under the Indo-British Fertilizers Education Project . (IBFEP) implemented